

GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
128 East Baltimore Street
Greencastle, PA 17225
(717) 597-2983



Pastor: Rev. Mark Ruzicka
Choir Director: Patty Stepler
Organist: Susan Alsip-Lawson
Ministers: All Those Present

The Glory of God
Prayers for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost, Children's Sabbath Sunday
October 18, 2020

WE WELCOME GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

VIDEO
Need
-Freebridge Media

Welcome to Grace Church where we are God's people.

**United through Jesus Christ on a journey to grow, to share our faith
and serve others in the Greencastle area and the world.**

PRELUDE MUSIC

**Sweet Hour of Prayer *with* Nocturne
-Bradbury and Mendelssohn/Page**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Exodus 33:12-23)

How shall we know that we have found favor in your sight, O God?
How do children know that they are created in your image?

How do we raise up youth to always know your presence goes with them?
How do we find this faith within ourselves, O God?

With Moses, we implore, "Show us your glory."
With the children, we seek your graciousness now.

***PRAISE SONG**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

1



1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,

2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.

cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;

though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.;

Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea; Spanish trans. Juan B. Cabrera

MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

Korean Trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea

Music Desc. © 1948, ren. H. W. Gray Co., Inc. (a div. of Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp.)

NICAEA
11.12.12.10

THE TRIUNE GOD

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

INVOCATION

(adapted from Christian Resources for Children's Sabbath)

God of forever and right now,
By Your Spirit open our ears to hear Your Word to us
in scripture,
in sermon,
in song.

Open our eyes to see Your Word to us
in children's faces,
in troubling statistics,
in our action together.

Open our hearts to feel Your Word to us
in the warmth of love,
in the ache of sadness,
in the energy of commitment.
Strengthen our desire for justice for all children,
and our wills to advocate and organize,
so that all children may grow up safe, and thrive in community.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(adapted from Christian Resources for Children's Sabbath)

Growing God, we confess that we cling to the comfortable,
fall back on the familiar,
and allow apathy to dull our hearts and our commitment.
We shrug our shoulders and say that poverty is inevitable
even as it deprives children of the fullness of life
that You intend and they deserve.

We throw up our hands at the number of children without health
coverage and accept what is unacceptable.

Forgive us, Growing God, for callousness instead of compassion,
for discouragement instead of determination,
for selfishness instead of service.

Allow us to grow into Your ways and find favor in Your sight.
Inspire us so that we might do justice on the behalf of all children.
Answer these prayers we pray in the name of your Beloved Child,
the hope of the world.

Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(inspired by Exodus 33:12-23)

God grows with you.

Imagine God speaking to you, saying,

"I will do the very thing you have asked;
for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

In Christ we are forgiven.

Praise the Lord!

WE RECEIVE GOD'S GIFTS

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.'"

Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways,
so that I may know you and find favor in your sight.

Consider too that this nation is your people."

He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

And he said to him, "If your presence will not go,
do not carry us up from here.

For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight,
I and your people, unless you go with us?"

In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray."

And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live."

And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock;

and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord,
for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired
by the Holy Spirit,
so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia
and in Achaia.
For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia
and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known,
so that we have no need to speak about it.

For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Thy Word

-Smith / Schrader



WE ASK GOD TO OPEN THE BIBLE TO US

WE READ GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.

Tell us, then, what you think.

Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,

"Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?

Show me the coin used for the tax."

And they brought him a denarius.

Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?"

They answered, "The emperor's."

Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

This is the Word of God for the People of God!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

SHARING OF PRAYERS, CONCERNS, JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.**

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

God looks upon your face and can assure you when nothing else can.
"My presence will go with you", God says.
"I will give you rest," God prays.
Let us carry this spirit into our giving.
Let us praise God with our gifts of tithes and offerings.

***WE SING A SONG OF THANKSGIVING TO GOD**

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***DEDICATION TO THE OFFERING**

(adapted from Christian Resources for Children's Sabbath)

**O God, help us to recover our hope for our children's sake.
Help us to recover our courage for our children's sake.
Help us to recover our discipline for our children's sake.
Help us to recover our ability to work together for our
children's sake.
Help us to recover our values for our children's sake.
Help us to recover our faith in you for our children's sake.
Amen.**

WE GO OUT CARRYING GOD'S LOVE

***BENEDICTION**

(inspired by Exodus 33:12-23)

Growing God, we have known Your presence.
We have lived in Your love.

Show us Your glory.
Reveal Your glory in us.

We will carry Your glory from here.
We will show it to all Your children. Amen.

***PRAISE SONG**

**God Be with You Till We Meet Again
542**



542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
 wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
 per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -



fold you:
 vide you:
 round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 fore you:

After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune, which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Go Forth in Peace -Birchwood



Designed by the Rev. Elsa A. Cook, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, a budding spiritual director and wandering interim minister. She writes liturgies and shares her thoughts on cookingwithelsa.org.

Adapted for online use by Susan Blain and Mark Ruzicka.



Copyright 2020 Justice and Local Church Ministries, Faith INFO Ministry Team, United Church of Christ, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115-1100. Permission granted to reproduce or adapt this material for use in services of worship or church education. All publishing rights reserved.



Copyright 2020 CCLI #2992794, 17201 NE Sacramento Street, Portland, OR 97230. Permission granted to reproduce or adapt Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal for use in services of worship or church education. All publishing rights reserved.



Contributions received week of 10/11/2020

Regular Offering: \$673

Building Fund: \$5

Neighbors In Need Offering: \$120

Communion Offering: \$25

Loose Change Offering: \$45



Pastor Emeritus

The Reverend Ralph S. Geiman, 1967-1995



20th Sunday after Pentecost, Children's Sabbath Sunday

October 18, 2020

Pastor: Rev. Mark Ruzicka Cell Phone: 717-504-2923
GUCC Office Phone: 717-597-2983

Greeters/Ushers: Lorna Thomas & Jean Rice
Reader: Lorna Thomas

Welcome to Sunday Worship! Kindly wear your masks entering and leaving worship and while moving around. Masks may be taken off once you are seated. Please choose a seat at a pew marked with a blue ribbon. Wearing masks during singing will be at the discretion of the congregation. Offerings can be placed in the collection plates which are located at the back doors of the sanctuary and by the side doors leading to the elevator area. Our greeters & ushers are keeping track of attendance. If you have any questions, please see anyone on the consistory board or ask our greeters and ushers for guidance.

Neighbors in Need helps make a just world for all possible. We thank everyone for their NIN offerings we received during these few weeks. If you would still like to make a donation, you can find NIN offering envelopes on the table in the front vestibule and by the elevator area.

Church Events/Fundraisers: We ask all our volunteers to kindly wear your masks during all church events and fundraisers. We are following guidelines to help keep everyone safe and healthy.

Facebook: The live streaming of our worship service can be viewed on our Facebook page, Grace United Church of Christ. Please join our Facebook page to keep updated on activities and connect with others in the community. Our weekly worship program with announcements can be downloaded from our website if you are viewing from home.

We Welcome your Offerings - They can be placed in the collection plates at the door to the sanctuary or elevator area, mailed to GUCC, PO Box 448, Greencastle, PA 17225, dropped off at the church office, or you can donate online through our website: www.graceuccgreencastle.com

Congregational Group Email – Don't miss any church updates! Contact church office if you are not currently on our email list so we can add you today!

Grace's Free Closet is open Monday & Wednesday from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The Closet is now stocked with Fall and Winter items. There are a few new rules in place for everyone's safety till the virus is gone. Masks are required and we are limiting the number of shoppers in each room. We appreciate your donations, but currently we are not accepting donations as our rooms are full! Please 'like' our Facebook page 'Grace's Closet Greencastle' or contact Nancy Myers to keep updated on any changes.

GUCC Website: Please look us up on the web! History of our M.P. Moller Pipe Organ can be found on our website, under the tab for Our Rich History! You can also download our weekly service program and announcements from our website at: <https://www.graceuccgreencastle.com>

Heirloom Mirrors – Long-time member, Jeff Stouffer, has been making high quality custom hardwood mirrors for over 35 years. Jeff has a long background creating custom wood projects. Jeff is donating his talent, time and materials by selling his custom heirloom mirrors to benefit GUCC. Please visit our website for more details about Jeff's talents and ordering information about these beautiful custom mirrors. You will find this information on the Groups & Activities page, under Jeff Stouffer Heirloom Mirrors. Feel free to call Jeff or the church office with any further questions, or to place your order. We thank everyone who has ordered mirrors and plaques to help support GUCC!

The Upper Room daily devotional brochures are available for September/October. Please pick up your free copy today from the table in the front vestibule or by the elevator area. You are also welcome to stop by the office during the week to pick up your copy.

Online Donations: You can make donations anytime through our website. Go to our website and click on any DONATE button. Once you click on a donate button you will come to a page where you can enter your donation amount, then use the drop down box to choose where you would like your donation to be used. You can choose to select GUCC Offering, Building Fund, Moller Organ Fund, German Reformed Cemetery or the outreach program of your choice. You will need your credit card. Once you submit any contribution, you will receive an email receipt. Please keep this receipt for your tax purposes. Any questions, please contact Kate Kennedy or the church office for assistance.



Chancel Choir – Rehearsals are back in session. We will be meeting every Wednesday evening, at 7:15pm, in the sanctuary. Our next rehearsal is scheduled for October 21. We will be keeping social distancing during practice. Everyone welcome to join us!

Church Volunteers: Sign-up sheets for Communion Servers, Greeters/Ushers and Readers are now available at the front table in the vestibule for November and December. Please pick a date and sign-up today!

Thank you to everyone who helped us with our **Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner Fundraiser!** Proceeds went towards our organ fund. Please join us at our **next activities/fundraiser meeting** scheduled for **November 2**, at 7pm, in the social hall. We need your help!

Next Worship Service, October 25, 10am:

Greeters/Ushers: Sydnae Vanner & Jim Thomas
Reader: Patty Stepler

